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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

GREENFIELD, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1879.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee—WILLIAM F. RUSSELL.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Lizzie F. Cummings. This school has often been called “hard to manage,” but this term, under the direction of Miss Cummings, we find the discipline was strict, and the instruction rendered thorough and practical; an interest was awakened in the minds of the pupils, and at the closing examination the school exhibited decided improvement.

WINTER TERM. Taught by the same teacher, whose untiring efforts to bring this school up to a higher standard than heretofore, proved successful. She maintained her authority, but it required the exercise of constant vigilance. The classes in reading and spelling made fine improvement. Many useful general exercises were introduced by this teacher during both terms. We commend Miss Cummings to prudential committees. “The board was given by the district.”

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee—FRANK W. BLANCHARD.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Abbie M. Shattuck. This was Miss Shattuck’s first term of school. The method of instruction adopted, as far as was observed by the Committee, was

satisfactory, and the progress of the scholars pretty good. At the close, most of the classes were prompt in their recitations, and to all appearance general harmony had prevailed throughout the term.

WINTER TERM. The services of Miss Shattuck were again secured, but at the expiration of four weeks, illness compelled her to abandon the school. She was succeeded by Miss Ella L. Woodward, a second inexperienced teacher, who taught the remainder of the term. The examination at the close exhibited some improvement. The declamations and recitations were of an entertaining character, but it could not be called a MODEL SCHOOL, as whispering was carried on with impunity.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Prudential Committee—JOHN M. DAY.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Lucy F. Morse. With a large number of eager and perceptive minds in this school it requires a rare combination of talents in a teacher. From the disinterestedness of the older portion of the school, your Committee was led to believe that this teacher was only moderately qualified. The exercises at the examination were so conducted that it was difficult to determine whether any progress was made or not. Think, however, that the smaller classes advanced in reading. The exercises of a general nature at the examination were pleasing to the many visitors present. Abbie M. Day, Arthur Savage and Eddie Hopkins, are reported as being present every half day of the term, without being tardy also. The average deportment of the school is excellent.

FALL TERM. Taught by Miss Abbie Allen. Miss Allen is a teacher of the finest qualifications, possessing an intellect well fortified with acumen. She is able to lead the more advanced pupils up the rugged hill of science; and yet, willing to adapt herself to the tyros in learning. The instruction imparted by this teacher was thorough, systematic and practical, leaving an impress upon the mind not easily to be effaced. She could

GOVERN and TEACH the same day without any apparent effort. A large number of visitors attended the examination, which was well worth an admittance fee.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Mr. David A. Stiles. Mr. Stiles entered upon the discharge of his duties as teacher with his accustomed earnestness, and secured in a high degree the confidence and kind regard of his pupils. While all the classes at the close of the term APPEARED WELL, the higher classes in Arithmetic performed some very difficult and complicated examples upon the black board in a very neat and accurate manner. This school gave a further exhibition of their attainments in the town hall, some of the pupils appearing as ACTORS upon the stage for the first time. The articulation and pronunciation of each one was not only distinct and accurate, but expressive. The varied and entertaining exercises were listened to by a large and appreciative audience.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Combined with Bennington and under the direction of Bennington Committee. Responding to a call from the teacher, Miss Fannie Lakin, to furnish a few books, we did so, some of them gratuitously.

DISTRICTS NOS. 5 AND 8.

Prudential Committee—DANIEL FLYNN.

WINTER TERM. Taught by John T. Robertson. Mr. Robertson is well qualified for his work, and evidently engaged in it with a sincere desire to benefit his pupils. They, too, were disposed to make the best use of their advantages. Fair progress was made in all the branches pursued, and in reading the improvement was so great as to merit particular notice and commendation.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Prudential Committee—GEORGE W. WOOD.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Susie A. Wood. This teacher entered upon her duties, in many respects, with the dignity of an experienced teacher. The pupils under her instruction were well taught. They manifested an interest in their studies and made fine progress. Miss Wood was well qualified to teach this school, and could as easily have taught FIVE AS TWO, that might and ought to have enjoyed the rights and privileges of their own district.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Newell J. Sawyer. We visited this school near the commencement of the term. The scholars were well classed, and good order was established. We were again permitted to visit it at the close, and noticed that good improvement had been made in the several branches pursued. It is an honor to Mr. Sawyer to be able to enlighten the minds in the path of science in his own district.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Prudential Committee—JOHN CAIN.

SUMMER TERM. Taught by Miss Ella J. Bragg. We retain a very pleasant impression of this school during our first visit. It was characterized by neatness and order. The teacher was energetic and efficient, and a successful term was predicted. At the close our expectations were fully realized. The older pupils were prompt in their recitations, particularly in Arithmetic. The school room was fragrant with the odor of choice flowers, plucked from Dea. A. N. Hardy's flower garden, which lent enchantment to the scene.

WINTER TERM. Taught by Miss E. Loena Fairbanks. Miss Fairbanks passed a creditable examination, and has had much experience in teaching. She labored faithfully and patiently, securing the respect and good will of her pupils. Although there were not as severe tests applied at the examination as in some schools, still, comparatively good improvement was made by most of the classes.

In presenting the report of the schools for the past year, we are happy in being able to state that a new impulse has been given them by the introduction of new books. As a change in text books was very much needed in all the schools, the following have been adopted, partly in exchange for old ones of a corresponding grade: Guyot's Geographies have been taken in exchange for Harper's School and Introductory. Walton's Arithmetic getting somewhat antiquated, Greenleaf's Mathematical Series were recommended, and four districts have already adopted them. In place of Hillard's Readers, the Franklin Series were substituted. These books were not introduced hastily; not before obtaining from their publishers a sample copy of each, and giving them a careful examination, also comparing them with similar ones, of which we had copies. We feel an inward assurance that we have made choice of the latest and most highly approved. These books have been furnished at publishers' prices, amounting to sixty-five dollars (\$65.00); deducting therefrom eleven dollars (\$11.00), the sum paid for old books of a corresponding grade, leaves a balance of fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) expended in the several districts for new books.

We congratulate District No. 1 on having such a neat and tasteful structure. With an expenditure of \$44.00 during the past year it has been painted outside and inside. We commend their example in regard to neatness and cleanliness of their school house, to District No. 3.

Through the efforts of Mr. D. A. Stiles, spelling has received unusual attention in the Centre District, during the Winter Term. Evening spelling schools were revived, and attended by *citizens* as well as *pupils* from other districts.

We do not overstate the truth when we say that during the past year the schools have been a decided success.

Before closing, I would say that my relation to the schools has been to me every way pleasant. The pupils have been polite and respectful, regarding our advice for their welfare and improvement, for which I shall ever cherish a high regard for their future advancement and prosperity.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. PEAVEY, S. S. COMMITTEE.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

Assessed upon the Polls and Estates of Residents, and upon
the Estates of Non-Residents, in the town of Greenfield,
for the year 1878, \$4601 04

MONEY RECEIVED.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Received of taxes assessed for 1878, | \$3658 00 |
| Dog tax for 1878, | 14 00 |
| Interest on taxes for 1878, | 5 65 |
| Taxes on list of 1871, | 3 96 |
| " " 1872, | 4 15 |
| " " 1873, | 1 49 |
| " " 1875, | 5 23 |
| " " 1876, | 109 50 |
| Dog tax, " 1876, | 1 00 |
| Taxes " 1877, | 559 83 |
| Dog tax, " 1877, | 5 00 |
| Interest, " 1877, | 15 17 |
| Hay scales for 1878, | 24 72 |
| A. H. Hopkins, for stone, | 10 00 |
| Barley straw sold, | 3 85 |
| F. C. Fletcher, for use of pasture, | 6 00 |
| Treasurer for 1877, | 287 57 |
| Literary fund, | 48 95 |
| Railroad tax, | 45 28 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 493 15 |
| Money borrowed, | 1427 86 |
| Barley sold, | 18 26—\$6748 62 |

AMOUNT PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS IN 1878-9.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Paid Charles M. Carll, | \$ 4 20 |
| Charles S. Lowe, | 19 55 |
| James Shea, | 19 32 |
| George W. French, | 7 81 |
| Levi Dodge, | 5 58 |
| Isaac B. Farrington, | 50 |
| D. & H. Lakin, | 4 97 |
| Mark Rogers, | 8 37 |
| William L. Savage, | 13 08 |

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|----------------------|----------------|
| Samuel G. Hartshorn, | 9 47 |
| George P. Holt, | 3 88 |
| John Fletcher, | 13 78 |
| George W. Grimes, | 4 75 |
| N. & F. E. Russell. | 9 75 |
| Willis D. Hardy, | 3 37 |
| John L. Fish, | 1 00 |
| William F. Russell, | 1 75 |
| Reuben A. Dutton, | 2 58 |
| Frank I. Lowe, | 1 00 |
| Daniel W. Burnham, | 9 53 |
| George W. Wood, | 1 20 |
| Daniel W. Flynn, | 2 68 |
| Ambrose Gould, | 2 99 |
| Moses Robinson, | 5 65 |
| John O. Colbath, | 3 35 |
| James O'Connell, | 52 |
| John L. Hovey, | 2 00 |
| Robert R. Wilson, | 2 22 |
| James Lewis, | 2 25— \$167 05 |

AMOUNT PAID FOR REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Paid Charles M. Carll, | \$21 81 |
| Charles S. Lowe, | 45 78 |
| James Shea, | 5 25 |
| George W. French, | 14 19 |
| Mark Rogers, | 3 00 |
| James Sawyer, | 2 50 |
| William L. Savage, | 12 12 |
| Samuel G. Hartshorn, | 3 72 |
| George P. Holt, | 5 00 |
| John Fletcher, | 34 64 |
| George Grimes, | 5 00 |
| Horace Cudworth, | 30 98 |
| James Lewis, | 50 75 |
| John H. Reynolds, | 15 08 |
| Willis D. Hardy, | 75 |
| John L. Fish, | 1 25 |
| Frank I. Lowe, | 27 75 |
| Daniel W. Burnham, | 13 36 |
| Alfred W. Savage, | 3 75 |
| Leonard Bailey, | 3 32 |
| William H. Marsh, | 8 75 |
| George Damuth, | 2 68 |
| Andrew Smith, new road, | 12 75 |
| John O. Colbath, | 6 37 |
| Henry Holt, | 4 25 |
| Robert R. Wilson, | 7 00 |
| Levi Burnett, | 5 00 |
| Augustus Goodness, | 5 00 |
| Freeman Ellsworth, | 3 75 |
| Napoleon Mason, | 3 25 |
| N. & F. E. Russell, | 7 50— \$366 30 |

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Frank Brooks, | \$ 3 38 |
| Alfred N. Hardy, watering place, | 3 00 |
| Isaac B. Farrington, snowing bridge, | 2 00 |
| Rodney Patch, tolling bell, | 2 00 |

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| C. B. Wallace, constable services, | 6 50 |
| C. B. Wallace, care of street lights, | 19 90 |
| R. Bradford & Co., oil and chimneys, | 13 00 |
| John L. Fish, watering place, | 3 00 |
| Sidney H. Hardy, surveying cemetery, | 9 00 |
| George H. Putnam, watering place, | 3 00 |
| Samuel H. Partridge, for returning births and deaths, | 4 00 |
| F. C. Fletcher, hardware for cemetery, | 75 |
| E. C. Richardson, book case, oil and lamps for town hall, grass seed, &c., | 16 64 |
| E. C. Richardson, police service and care of tramps, | 10 00 |
| E. C. Richardson, services as clerk, | 20 00 |
| E. C. Richardson, paid for postage, | 2 00 |
| E. C. Richardson, feeding 230 tramps, | 29 01 |
| D. W. Burnham, making box for stoves, | 2 25 |
| Miriam Burnham, watering place for 1876-7-8, | 7 50 |
| Hosea B. Carter, check lists, | 1 50 |
| M. V. B. Greene, books and stationery, | 6 45 |
| Savage & Lewis, paints and oils, | 2 17 |
| James H. Brooks, watering place, | 3 00 |
| John Cain, police service, | 2 00 |
| Leonard Bailey, watering place, | 3 00 |
| B. F. Bailey & Son, threshing, and bridge plank, | 9 30 |
| John Fletcher, bridge stringers, | 1 00 |
| William H. Marsh, police service, | 2 00 |
| Henry H. Duncklee, watering place, | 3 00 |
| James Scott, bill and expense on C. Richardson case, | 10 00 |
| H. H. Duncklee, keeping tramps, | 7 00 |
| Supervisors' bill, | 9 00 |
| Edward R. Gould, painting in town hall, | 1 44 |
| G. P. Fletcher, bridge plank, | 5 00 |
| John F. Savage, sawing wood for town hall, | 1 00 |
| John F. Savage, cleaning town hall, | 2 00 |
| C. H. Burns, counsel on Bass case and Railroad case, | 85 00 |
| B. F. Bailey & Son, cemetery fence, | 300 70 |
| Scott & Clark, counsel in 1876, | 2 00 |
| Frank G. Clark, Bass case, | 74 70 |
| Sheep killed by dogs in 1877, | 51 95 |
| A. Fuller, stove, | 10 00 |
| Alonzo Gay, damage on road, | 2 00 |
| John L. Fish, guide post, | 75 |
| Three street lamps, | 19 10 |
| S. M. Buck, painting, | 6 12 |
| S. N. Newton, mason work, | 2 00 |
| N. Morrison, police service, 1877, | 2 00 |
| C. H. Hopkins & Co., zinc for town hall, | 3 63 |
| C. H. Hopkins & Co., paint stock, | 16 10 |
| C. H. Hopkins, services as Overseer of Poor, | 15 00 |
| G. P. Fletcher, land for cemetery, | 300 00 |
| Hermon Abbott, barley for seed, | 3 78 |
| John H. Day, repairing bell, | 1 00 |
| Farnum & Scott, printing, 1878, | 18 00 |
| Thimbles for town hall, | 75 |
| C. H. Hopkins, two trips to Wilton and one trip to Nashua, | 3 60 |
| George Y. Sawyer, counsel fee, | 1 00 |
| Bounty on hawks and foxes, | 10 40 |
| John H. Reynolds, work on cemetery, | 7 00 |
| Wood for town hall, | 4 00 |
| F. C. Fletcher, work on cemetery, | 5 00 |
| C. H. Hopkins, work on cemetery, | 3 00 |

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| F. C. Fletcher, journey to Concord, | 5 00 |
| F. C. Fletcher, journey to Manchester, | 4 00 |
| A. H. Hopkins, stakes for cemetery, | 9 42 |
| S. Frances Peavey, Superintendent of Schools, | 30 00 |
| Henry S. Lowe, damage to plough, | 4 00 |
| Fence for old cemetery, | 82 79 |
| F. C. Fletcher, services as Treasurer, | 20 00 |
| F. C. Fletcher, services as Selectman, | 60 00 |
| C. H. Hopkins, services as Selectman, | 55 00 |
| John H. Reynolds, services as Selectman, | 55 00 |
| James Lewis, Collector, 1877, | 60 00 |
| D. M. White, insurance on town hall for three years, | 60 00 |
| Labor on barley, | 10 25 |
| C. H. Hopkins, Overseer of the Poor, | 25 82 |
| G. P. Fletcher, ploughing barley ground, | 6 50—\$1662 15 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Whole amount received, | \$6748 62 |
| Paid State Tax, | \$ 808 00 |
| County Tax, | 629 76 |
| School Orders, | 681 97 |
| Notes and Interest, | 2178 27 |
| Breaking Roads, | 167 05 |
| Repairing Highways and Bridges, | 366 30 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses, | 1662 15—\$6493 50 |
| Balance in hands of Treasurer, | \$255 12 |

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

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| Due on R. Hardy's Tax List of 1867, | \$13 75 |
| Abated on " 1867, | 13 75 |
| Due on " 1871, | \$5 68 |
| With the following abatements: | |
| John F. Savage, | \$3 34 |
| Sarah Buck, | 2 34— 5 68 |
| Due on Tax List of 1873, | \$19 76 |
| With the following abatements: | |
| Thomas Cuddyhee, | \$1 70 |
| Patrick Cashion, | 64 |
| Horace E. Holt, | 1 70 |
| Daniel Perkins, | 5 10 |
| N. Morrison, | 4 89— 14 03 |
| | — 5 73 |

Due on Tax List of 1874, \$59 91

With the following abatements:

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| Widow H. Boutelle, | \$5 64 |
| John L. Brooks, | 1 50— |
| | <u>7 14</u> |
| | 52 77 |

Due on Tax List of 1875, \$193 70

With the following abatements:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| H. H. Duncklee, over tax, | \$ 6 24 |
| G. P. Fletcher, over tax, | 12 48 |
| John L. Brooks, | 1 56 |
| Peterboro' Railroad Company, | 140 40 |
| John A. Wallace, | 1 56 |
| Frank R. Wilson, | 1 56 |
| Widow H. Boutelle, | 6 13—169 93 |
| | <u> </u> |
| | 23 77 |

Due on Tax List of 1876, \$191 88

With the following abatements:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| William H. Holt, | \$ 5 57 |
| Warren Robinson, | 1 71 |
| Peterboro' Railroad Company, | 85 50 |
| John A. Wallace, | 1 71 |
| Harvey Nichols, | 1 71— 96 20 |
| | <u> </u> |
| | 95 68 |

Due on Tax List of 1877, \$184 73

With the following abatements;

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| John Chisholm, | \$1 75 |
| William H. Holt, | 4 69 |
| Jeremiah Holt, | 4 69 |
| John LePierre, | 1 75 |
| John Maney, | 1 75 |
| James Maney, | 1 75 |
| Samuel Wilson, | 1 15 |
| James O'Connell, | 1 75 |
| Daniel Sawyer, error, | 10 00 |
| Error in tax reported on list of 1877, | 111 06—140 34 |
| | <u> </u> |
| | 44 39 |

Due on Tax List of 1878, \$943 04

With the following abatements:

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| James F. Clark, | \$ 1 60 |
| Francis Gould, | 12 64 |
| Elizabeth Lakin, | 5 60 |
| William H. Holt, | 1 60 |
| Ephraim Provo, | 1 60— 23 04 |
| | <u> </u> |
| | 920 00 |

NOTE.—The error reported in Tax List of 1877, amounting to \$111.06, occurs by the Dog Tax and Non-Resident Highway Tax having been charged to the Collector, which should not have been so charged.

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| Amount of notes against the town, | 11,406 86 |
| Demands in favor of the town: | |
| Due on Tax Lists, | \$1142 34 |
| from the County, | 48 00 |
| from the State for Bounty on Hawks and Foxes, | 25 60 |
| from United States, | 558 00 |
| for use of Town House, | 6 50 |
| Amount in Treasurer's hands, | <u>255 12</u> |
| | \$2035 56 |
| Due out of the above named sum from the Town to School District No. 3, | <u>95 12</u> |
| | 1940 44 |
| Balance against the Town, | \$9466 42 |

Respectfully submitted.

FRANKLIN C. FLETCHER, } Selectmen
CHARLES H. HOPKINS, } of
JOHN H. REYNOLDS, } Greenfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Whole amount received, | \$6748 62 |
| By paid Selectmen's orders, | 6493 50 |
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| Balance in hands of Treasurer, | \$255 12 |

FRANKLIN C. FLETCHER, TOWN TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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| To paid for clothing Luke Felch and school books, | \$21 82 |
| Trip to Stoddard, | 4 00 |
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| | \$25 82 |
| Received of Treasurer to balance account, | \$25 82 |

C. H. HOPKINS, OVERSEER OF POOR.

Your Committee have examined the foregoing Reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and Overseer of the Poor, and find them correct.

JOHN FLETCHER,
LEVI S. HOLT.

